

# PINOT NOIR FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW 2021



## WINEMAKING DETAILS

FORT ROSS-SEAVIEW

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 50% new French Oak, 50% neutral French Oak, 10 months Case Production: 238

## VINEYARD DETAILS

Estate Vineyards from the For Ross-Seaview AVA, owned by the Martinelli family

#### WINEMAKER

Courtney Robinett Wagoner

2021 was the driest known year on record and was also the third year of drought conditions for Sonoma County. Contrary to these conditions, the summer was relatively cool and started two weeks later than the previous year. The drought conditions did bring ripeness to each of our varietals at just about the same time. By the end of the first week, we had 40% of total tonnage in the winery. This included Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Zinfandel from both Fort Ross-Seaview and Russian River Valley. Despite being a very compact harvest, small clusters and berry size have yielded exceptional quality which makes 2021 a standout vintage.

## VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our Fort Ross – Seaview label is curated from our Estate vineyards on the true Sonoma Coast. We made this wine to reflect on the unique nuances that this small viticultural area has on a wine due to the climate, proximity to the ocean and soil profile, in combination with our family's trademark farming style and dedication to crafting the highest quality wines true to where they are grown.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The bright nose has intriguing aromas of fresh strawberries, raspberry, and pomegranate. As the wine glides across the palate, mouthwatering flavors of juicy red plum and rhubarb are present. The balanced acid profile complements the hints of mineral found in the long finish.